

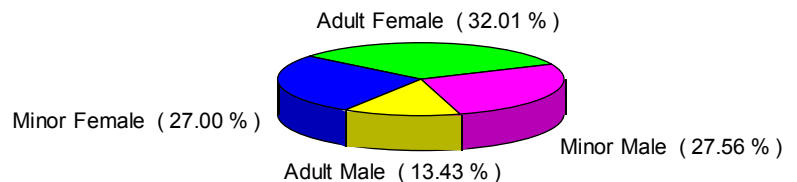
# Wisconsin Food Stamp Program At a Glance

All data is for the month of December, 2001<sup>1</sup>

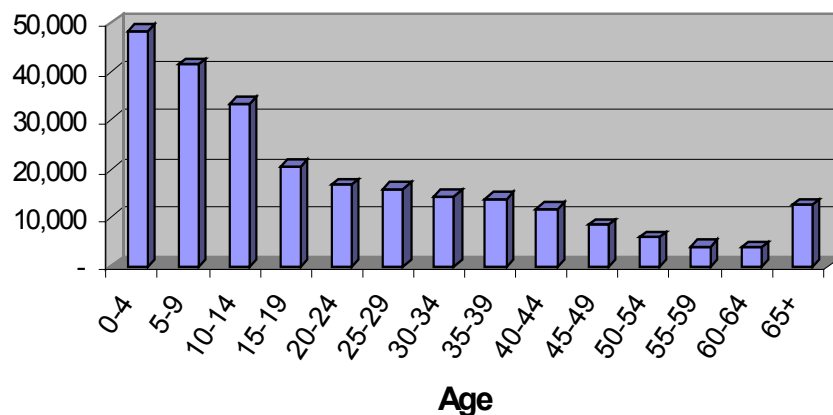
## Who gets food stamps in Wisconsin?

- **Poverty:** 4.8% of the 5.3 million people in Wisconsin receive FS.<sup>2</sup> On average over the past three years, 8.8% of the state population is at or below the federal poverty rate.<sup>3</sup>
- **Assistance Groups (AGs)/Individuals:** 101,919 Assistance groups are made up of 252,350 individuals. There are an average of 2.5 people in an AG.
- **Gender:** 59% are female and 41% are male.
- **Adults/Minors:** 45% are adults while 55% are minors. 59% of AGs have minors in them.
- **Age distribution:** The chart below shows the number of FS recipients by age, in ranges of 5 years. The largest age group is comprised of children under age 4.

Adult Status and Gender Chart



FS Recipients Age Distribution



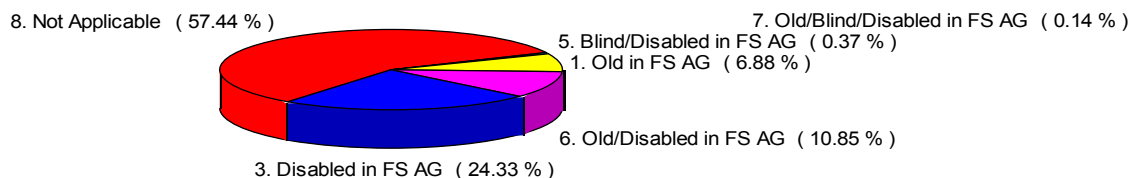
<sup>1</sup> Source: DWD/DWS FS Data Warehouse

<sup>2</sup> Source: U.S. Census Bureau <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/55000.html>

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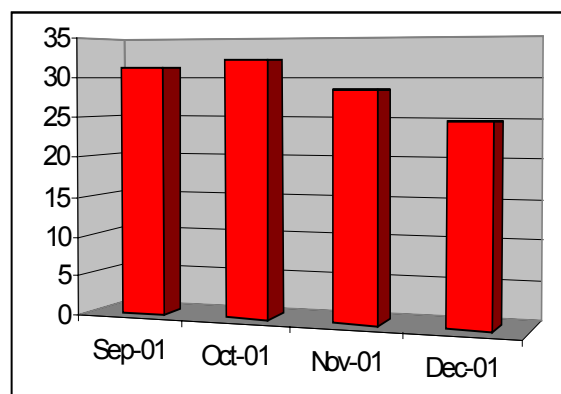
- **Elderly/Disabled:** 17.1% of FS recipients are either elderly, blind, or disabled. 43% of AGs contain at least one individual that is either elderly, blind, or disabled. That's an increase of 4% since last month.

FS AGs that contain at least one Old, Blind, or Disabled Recipient



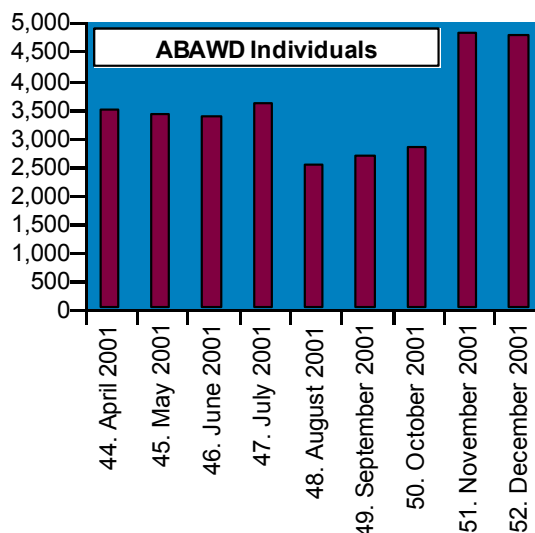
- **Work/Earnings:** 24.8% of the AGs have at least one person working. This is a decrease of 3.7% from last month, which decreased 3.8% from the month before. The average monthly earned income of those AGs' is \$997, slightly less than last month.<sup>4</sup> 32% of adult FS recipients are employed. Currently, the unemployment rate in Wisconsin is 4.7%

% of FS AGs with at least one employed individual



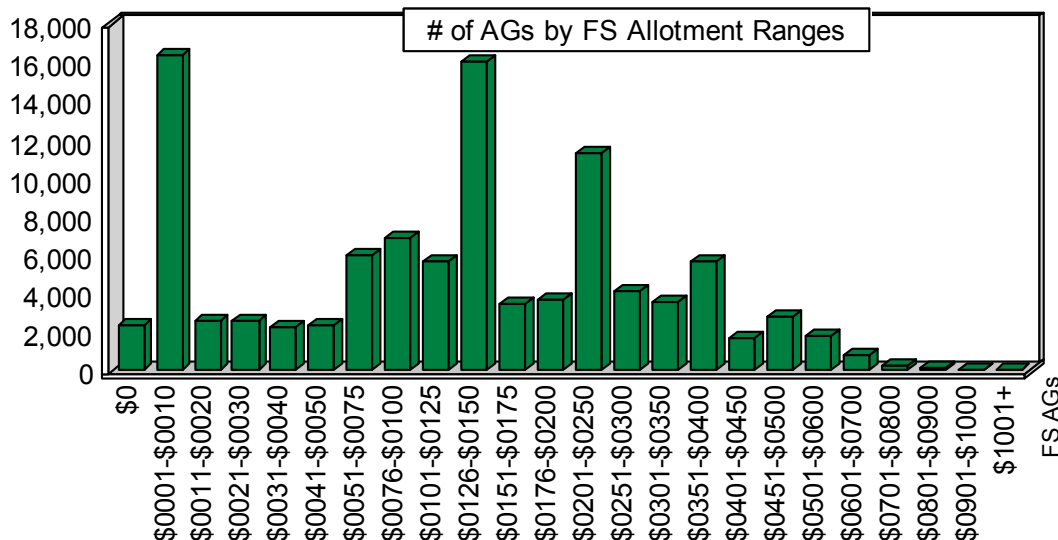
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- **Able Bodied Adults and Employment:** 45% of Able Bodied Adult FS recipients (non elderly, non-disabled adults) are employed. These individuals may or may not have children.
- **Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDS):** 4,768 individuals are ABAWDS. That's 1.9% of the FS recipients. The number of ABAWDS decreased by 66 from last month after a sharp increase of 2,000 from October to November. Only 12% of ABAWDS are employed. 68% of ABAWDS are male, 33% are female. 26% of ABAWDS are homeless, a 2% decrease from last month.



<sup>4</sup> This statistic contains prospective income for cases that may have caused the case to close at the end of the report month. Therefore, the income reported here was not necessarily the income used to calculate eligibility or the allotment amount.

- **Allotments:** A total of over \$16.2 million in food stamp benefits were allotted for the month. The average allotment amount per AG is \$159. The average allotment for AGs that contain an elderly, blind, or disabled member is \$94. However, 18.4% of the caseload only receives between \$0 and \$10 in allotments.

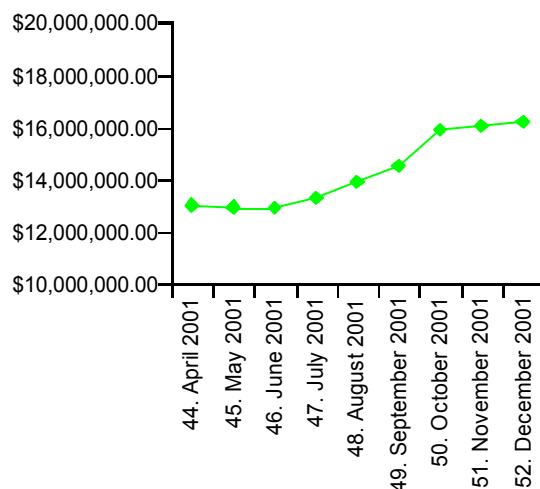


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Allotments have increased 24% since April of 2001. AG's and recipients have increased 16.7% and 16.3% respectively over the same time range.

- **Homelessness** 4,266 FS recipients were homeless in November. The number of homeless recipients jumped sharply from October to November by 1,600 individuals and remained almost the same for December. In October, 1.1% of the FS recipients were homeless compared to 1.7% for December.

FS Allotments April - Dec 2001



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Homeless FS Recipients

